1	2	3	4	5
18.	Sikkim	2	—	21.01.86(P) 05.01.89(P)
	Total	64	19	

P...Post of Permanent Judge
A... Post of Additional Judge

Deposits Collected by Commercial Banks in Kerala

375. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total deposits collected by commercial banks in Kerala during the last 5 years, yearwise till 1.1.90;

(b) what is the total amount of advance extended against it during the above period, yearwise;

(c) whether Government are considering to increase the credit-deposit ratio; and

(d) if so, by when it will be implemented and the rate at which it is contemplated to be increased?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b). As per the latest data available from Reserve Bank of India, Aggregate Deposits & outstanding advances of all scheduled commercial banks in the State of Kerala as at the end of last Friday of December for last five years is as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

	Deposits	Advances
December 1985	3424.22	2174.75
December 1986	4138.46	2529.81
December 1987	4760.15	3039.45
December 1988	5449.09	3474.75
December 1989	6099.27	3849.94

(c) and (d). Banks have already been instructed by Reserve Bank of India to achieve 60% C-D ratio in respect of their rural and semi-urban branches separately and there is no proposal to revise it further.

Abolition of export duty on pepper

376. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from the pepper growers for abolition of export duty on pepper; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) and (b). There is at present no export duty on pepper.

Promotion of export from the Free Trade Zone in Cochin

377. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme is being considered by Government for promotion of export from the Free Trade Zone in Cochin; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN). (a) Units in Cochin Export Processing Zone, like other such zones, enjoy infrastructural facilities and a whole range of concessions-incentives for promotion of exports such as duty free imports of